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MEMORANDUM FOR: DIRECTOR, FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION ATTENTION: Mr. John F. Sullivan

SUBJECT: ALBERT EINSTEIN
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HEIEN DUKAS, with aliases INTERNAL SECURITY - R

1. Reference is made to your memorandum dated 21 September 1954 and to previous correspondence with your Bureau regarding EINSTEIN, Albert and DUKAS, Helen.

- 2. Transmitted herewith is an Agent Report, GID 94-0892, dated 1 September 1954, regarding the interview with Professor Max Von LAUE.
- 3. This report completes the investigation as requested by your Bureau and no further action will be taken unless specifically requested.

FOR THE ASSISTANT CHIEF OF STAFF, G-2:

1 Incl A/R, GID 94-0892 dtd 1 Sep 54 (6 copies) J. E. STEAENS Colonel, GS Actg Chief, Security Division

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At 1530 hours on 31 August 1954, Professor Max von LAUK, born 9 October 1879, residing in BERLIN-Dahlem (US Sector), Faraday Weg 8, was interviewed concerning Helene DUKAS. He stated substantially as follows:

a. LAUE did not remember the date that he met DUKAS for the first time. He stated that his acquaintanceship with DUKAS was not close because he knew her merely in her capacity as secretary for Albert EINSTEIN. LAUE advised that he last saw DUKAS in 1932 in BERLIN, and believes it was during the Christmas season of that year. LAUE could advance no information regarding DUKAS! friends, relatives or associates; nor did he have knowledge of her political affiliations, special in interests, hobbies or other activities. LAUE could give no further information concerning DUKAS.

b. LAUE suggested that another colleague of Albert KINSTEIN, Professor Erwin SCHROEDINGER, presently working in the Institute for Advanced Studies in DUBLIN, Ireland, might possibly be able to provide information on Helene DUKAS.

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and gave the impression of being willing to impart any information that he could summon from his memory regarding DUKAS. In consideration of the fact that he has not seen DUKAS for twenty-two (22) years and did not have a close friendship with her, it is probable that he has disclosed all the knowledge that he has regarding her.

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At Oklahoma City, Oklahoma: Re Bureau Air Tel to Newark dated September 2, 1954. Newark letter to the Eureau dated September 3, 1954, set forth a leed for Los Angeles to locate former wife for any information she way possess regarding his contacts with ALBERT EINSTEIN in the early 1930's and for possible connections with the Communist movement. Although no action by the Oklahoma City Office is apparently desired at this time by the office of origin (Newark), two copies of instant report are being sent to the Oklahoma City office for utilization in a possible future reinterview of at Tulsa, Oklahoma. It should be noted that Los Angeles reinterview should not be accomplished until after reinterview of of

Report of SA dated August 2. At Los Angeles. Bureau Hated September 3, 1954. Newark letter to Bureau Hated September 3, 1954. Report of SA dated September 23, 1954.

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DIRECTOR, FBI (100-338978) (61-7099)

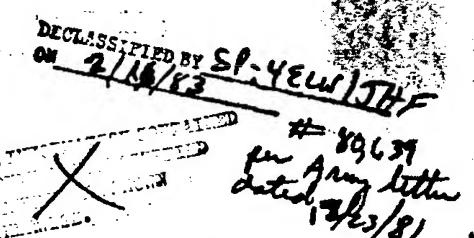
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Reference Newark letter to Bureau entitled "HELEM DUKAS, was - IS-R" dated 9/29/51; and Newark letter to Bureau entitled "ALBERT EINSTEIN, IS-R, 9/3/54.

The files concerning above captioned subjects have been reviewed in the Newark Office for the purpose of ascertaining what leads are outstanding and necessary investigation to bring both of these cases to a logical conclusion.

In regard to HELEN DUKAS, she is currently engaged as a Secretary-Housekeeper for Dr. ALBERT EINSTEIN at his residence at 112 Mercer Street, Princeton, New Jersey. She has previously advised she has been associated in that capacity with Dr. EINSTEIN since 1928.

Investigation in this matter has been predicated of your upon information previously furnished alleging that Doctor states of the previously furnished alleging that Doctor states of the present of the

G-2 interviewed on September 1, 1954, Professor MAX VON LAUE in Berlin, Germany, who advised that he does not recall the date that he met DUKAS for the first the but he does recall hearing she was a secretary for Alfa.

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FIRSTRIM. He last saw her in 1932 in Berlin, however he could furnish no information regarding her friends, relatives, or associates, nor did he have any knowledge of her political affiliations. He advised that he did not have a close friendship with DUKAS.

Investigation in this matter to date has been for the purpose of ascertaining if HELEN DUXAS is identical with the Senior Secretary to Dr. EINSTEIN during the 1929-1931 period, inasmuch as the Senior Secretary was allegedly the one who decoded the Soviet Espionage Cablegrams.

leads in this case and the most logical remaining lead in 59-4 ELLION this matter is to interview HELEN DUKAS:

It is believed that DUKAS should be interviewed for the purpose of ascertaining her present CP sympathies and to ascertain if she was the Senior Secretary to EINSTEIN in Berlin during 1929-1931.

In regard to Dr. EINSTEIN, a review of his file reflects that one of the outstanding leads at this time is to ascertain the whereabouts of his son EDWARD EINSTEIN who was last known to be residing in Switzerland.

It is to be noted that a Summary Report concerning Dr. EINSTEIN was written August 5, 1953 and that to date the only activity which has been noted for him has been his participation in counseling witnesses not to testify before the Congressional Committees. It is believed that further investigation in this matter is not warranted after the completion of present cutstanding leads, and upon the completion of these leads, the Newark Office will consider closing the case concerning Dr. BINSTEIN.

It is believed that an interview with HELEN DUKAS would provide an opportunity to ascertain the whereabouts of all of Dr. EINSTEIR's children at the present time, therefore Bureau permission is requested to interview HELEN DUKAS.

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Reurlet November 9, 1954.

In connection with the request contained in your referenced letter, the Bureau is presently conducting a thorough review of its files relating to Helen Dukas. Upon completion of this review, you will be advised as to whether Dukas should be interviewed.

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To properly evaluate Newark's request for authority to interview Dukas in this case, the following additional action is necessary. A review of all Bureau references on Dukas since October 4, 1949, should be made. It is noted all "See" references re Dukas were reviewed on .10-4-49 (100-338078 Serial 51). A review should be made of the Bureau's files re the several German Soviet agents who allegedly used Dr. Einstein's cable address in Germany from 1929 to 1933 as a telegraph "drop" in order to determine whether any have defected or could be interviewed to establish that Dukas was the senior secretary of Einstein who turned over the cables received to Soviet agents. A thorough review of all sections of the Dukas and Einstein files should be made in considering the request to interview Dukas made by the Newark office W

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Helen Dukas was born October 17, 1896, in Germany. She was brought to the U.S. by Albert Einstein, entering on 6/3/35. She became a naturalized U.S. citizen on 10/1/40. She is employed as secretary and housekeeper to Einstein and resides in his house in Princeton, New Jersey.

The investigation of Dukas was reopened in October, 1950, uponforce receipt of information from G-2 dated 9/7/50 to the effect that an unnamed source reported that from 1929 to 1933 Albert Kinstein's Berlin's office was used as a cable address by the Soviets, and Kinstein's senior secretary (of two secretaries) handled the messages and turned them overly to the Soviets. The G-2 report indicated to some extent that Kinstein and did not have knowledge of this activity. The G-2 report named Soviet appersonalities who may have had knowledge that Finstein's address was a will drop. On 10/23/50, G-2 was requested to obtain further details and corroboration. G-2 has stated that these individuals who may have had knowledge of this operation have either been liquidated by the Soviets, died in the Spanish Civil Far, are masing, or are firmly.

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with the Soviets. A review of Bufiles on these individuals either corroborates the above statement by G-2 relating to the unavailability of the Soviet personalities or the individuals could not be tientified. Investigation in the U.S. has reflected that Helen Dukas has been employed as Einstein's personal secretary since 1928. Extensive investigation of Dukas has been conjucted in the U.S. and all logical leads in the U.S. and all logical leads in the U.S. and abroad have now been covered. Dukas was previously interviewed on 11/2/51 as reliable information had been received to the effect that Gunther Stein had called a Miss Dukas at Einstein's none in January, 1500. Junuary was pleasant but denied any contact with or knowledge of Stein. She was not questioned at that time concerning the G-2 allegation as mentioned herein inasmuch as G-2 was still investigating the matter and it was believed desirable to await the results of G-2's investigation for possible corroborating data. (100-355214-165)

We wark has recommended that Dukas be interviewed in an effort to resolve the matter. There are the disadvantages in interviewing her because of her close association with Albert Einstein, Einstein's prominence throughout the world and his known tendency to make public statements concerning matters with which he personally disagrees. However, in order to completely resolve the matter, it is believed that she should be interviewed. All investigative leads have been exhausted and the only possibility of reaching a successful conclusion would be through interviewing her. The possibility exists that the allegations may again be brought up and, if so, we can state that the Eureau has completely and thoroughly investigated the matter, only if we interview Dukas. It should be possible to interview her, without antagonism, by using the pretext of seeking information concerning certain Soviet and German personalities (the individuals who allegedly know of the use of Einstein's address as a mail drop) the land of the use of Einstein's address as a mail drop)

RECOMMENDATION:

It is believed that the advantages of interviewing Dukas outweigh the disadvantages. Accordingly it is recommended that Helen Dukas be interviewed. If you agree, appropriate instructions to Newark are attached.

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Director, IBI

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ALBERT BINSTEIN INTERNAL SECURITY -(Bufile 61-7099) (Newark file 100-32986)

Reference to made to your memorandum dated November 9, 1954, requesting Bureau authority to interview Helen Dukas. Further reference is made to Bureau reply dated December 2, 1954, advising that Bufiles were being reviewed on Helen Dukas and upon completion advice would be furnished as to whether or not she should be interviewed.

Bufiles do not reflect any additional pertinent Information and authorization is granted to interview Dukas. The interview should be conducted in accordance with existing Bureau regulations for interviewing security subjects. The interview must be conducted by experienced agents who should thoroughly familiarize themselves with all details and. personalities mentioned in the Dukas and Binstein cases.

It is suggested that the interview could begin on the pretext of seeking information concerning certain Individuals who were formerly in Germany, such as the persons of named by G-2 as having knowledge of the use of Einstein's address as a mail drop. In this manner it is believed that MYM Dukas will not gain the impression that she is under investion gation which would tend topard minimizing any possible antagonism she might have !

The results of the interview should be submitted in a report form suitable for dissemination.

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As for her former husband she stated that she never had the slightest doubt of his loyalty to this country, and that she is sure he had no connection with the Communist movement or sympathy with Communism in any way. She said that he, as was true of his closest acquaintances, was always an ardent Zionist, and therefore "intensely anti-Communist" as a matter of principle. She said that no allegation of Communist sympathy could truthfully apply to him. She said that she never knew him to possess any works by LEON TROTSKY or other Communist leaders, or to discuss such works or to express any admiration for such writers.

(It should be noted that, as previously reported has stated that the subject sat for his photograph in his studio at the Ambassador Hotel, also, that he reads extensively and may have in the past expressed praise for LEON TROTSKY as an able writer and orator, and for his brilliant mind, which expressions could have been misinterpreted as approval of TROTSKY's Communist views.)

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NEWARK OFFICE

AT NEWARK, NEW JERSEY:

Will advise the Bureau, Los Angeles, and Oklahoma City Offices, whether it considers reinterview of the complainant desirable. See Los Angeles letter to the Bureau dated 8/2/54, and Bureau Air-Tel to Newark dated 9/2/54.

OKLAHOMA CITY OFFICE

AT OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA:

Will comply with future instructions of Newark or the Pureau regarding reinterview of Should the reinterview be requested, will refer to Los information appearing in the reports of SA Angeles, dated 8/2/54, 8/23/54, 11/15/54, and instant report, as all contain information bearing on LLOYD's allegations against the subject.

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LOS ANGELES OFFICE

AT LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA:

- 1. Will surep information pertaining directly to the subject obtained from original sources within its territorial jurisdiction.
- if desired by the office of 61C 2. Will reinterview origin, (Newerk), depending on the results of reinterview of the Oklahoma City Office.

REFERENCES:

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NEWARK SPORT MADE AT DATE WHEN 9 1955 NEWARK TITLE ALBERT RINSTRIN INTERNAL SECURIT SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: HELEN DUKAS, Secretary for Dr. ALBERT EINSTEIN, Princeton, New Jersey, interviewed concerning possible connection with espionage activities on behalf of Russia 1928-1933 in Berlin, Germany. She disclaimed any knowledge of the identities of known espionage agents, who might possibly have been in contact with Dr. EINSTEIN's office during pertinent period. She has no knowledge concerning the "CLUB OF INTELLECTUAL WORKERS" in Berlin during this period. She advised that she has been EINSTEIN's only secretary since 1928 and that the only other assistants that he has had were his wife and oldest step-daughter, both deceased. She stated that Dr. EINSTEIN maintained his only office in Berlin at his place of mesidence, and that there were no other employees in the household. She further advised that at the present time or. EINSTEIN is in poor health. REQ. REC'D ALLEGATIONS OF IN GERMANY another government agency which conducts security and intelligence type investigations, advised on March 31, 1951 APPROVED AND PECIAL AGENT INS, Philadelphia (Registered Mail) OSI, New York (Registered Mail) ONI, New York (Registered Mail) G-2, Governors Island, N. Y. (Regis.Mail) Newark (100-32986) PROPERTY OF FBI-This report is loaned to you by the FBI, and neither it nor its contents are to be distributed outside of agency to which loaned.

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that information was received from a reliable source to the effect that prior to 1933 a Communist Internationale (COMINTERN) and other Soviet apparate were very active in gathering intelligence information in the Far East. Many international Communist functionaries were stationed in Shanghai and Canton, China, for the purpose of gathering intelligence information. One of the means of communication used by these individuals to contact Central Headquarters in Moscow was through the use of telegrams. Such telegrams, which were always coded, were never sent directly to Moscow, but were sent to agents in other countries such as Egypt and France where they were recopied and forwarded to telegram addresses or "drops" in Berlin, Germany. According to T-1, one of these telegram addresses was the office of ALBERT EINSTEIN in Berlin, and this address proved to be very successful inasmuch as EINSTEIN received a great quantity of mail, telegrams and cablegrams from all over the world. EINSTEIN's personal secretary, whose identity was not known to T-1, gave the telegrams to a Soviet Courier, whose duty it was to pick up such mail from several telegram "drops" and then channel the mail to Moscow (9)

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EINSTEIN'S Berlin office allegedly employed at least two female secretaries, both of whom were Communist sympathizers. The exact period EINSTEIN's office was used as an address for coded cables by Soviet Intelligence was not known. However, EINSTEIN's cable address was already in action as of 1929. The reason for the use of EINSTEIN's cable address was due to the quantity of legal cable traffic which he received due to his established international reputation, which in turn provided a relatively innocuous cover for illegal communications. The person in EINSTEIN's office through whom arrangements were made for the use of the cable address, was EINSTEIN's chief secretary at the time. However, T-1 did not know the identity or background of the secretary in question. This individual was allegedly EINSTEIN's senior and private secretary, at least during the period 1929 to 1931. This person was allegedly closely associated with the international apparate functionary of Soviet Russia.

The informant described the operation of the REINE intelligence activities as follows:

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An intelligence message was first transcribed into a prearranged Comintern or Soviet code. This cape message was then transcribed into a second code prior to the time it was transcribed into an approved international cable code. The informant believed that EINSTEIN used a code developed in Germany by RUDOLPH MOSSE Publishing and Newspaper firm. The double coded message was then dispatched to EINSTEIN's cable address. At EINSTEIN's office, it was the duty of the senior secretary to decode all messages and to give them to EINSTEIN for reading. This person was therefore in a position to intercept all messages which did not pertain to EINSTEIN and transmit them to the appropriate Soviet courier.

This courier or contact man responsible for liaison with EINSTEIN's Berlin Office, came directly to that office to pick up incoming cables for the apparate.

The informant advised that it was believed that EINSTEIN was unaware of the true nature of the correspondence which was channeled through his cable address from the Far East and it is quite possible that arrangements had been made through EINSTEIN'S secretary without his knowledge.

Informant also pointed out that if EINSTEIN were aware of the use of his address from the beginning, the most logical approach to him in order to gain his approval of such activities would be to convince him that it was in the interests of "human rights".

Informant further advised that at least one incident occurred during the Summer of 1930 which indicated that EINSTEIN must have had some knowledge of the use of his cable address for purposes other than his own. At that time, EINSTEIN's secretary had planned to go on a three or four week vacation and had been instructed to notify the Soviet courier in advance of the date of her departure so that arrangements could be made to intercept the Comintern cables before they were given to EINSTEIN. The private secretary left on her vacation without informing the courier, and no attempt was made by the courier to contact EINSTEIN personally, and he awaited the return of the private secretary in order to receive the cable messages. When she returned from her vacation, all the cables were turned over to her by EINSTEIN and nothing was said to her concerning them. The use of the cable address by the Soviets continued as in the past. informant was unaware as to whether EINSTEIN asked for an

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explanation from the secretary concerning the use of his cable address for activities not related to his profession

Informant stated that EINSTEIN was frequently active in supporting so-called "front groups" especially those relating to human rights or anti-Fascist activities. 621010

further advised that it was common knowledge in Berlin, during this period, that EINSTEIN sympathized with the Soviet Union to a great extent. His Berlin staff of typists and secretaries was allegedly composed of individuals who were recommended to him at his request by individuals who were very close to a Communist cover organization known as the "Klub Der Geistesarbeiter" (Club of Intellectual Workers). organization allegedly served as a source of personnel for various illegal Soviet apparate. EINSTEIN was closely associated with this club and was very friendly with members who later became Soviet agents.

During the early 1930's, EMIL'KLAUS FUCHS, who was a student in Berlin, was also associated with this club. FUCHS was later jailed and convicted in England for giving atomic bomb information to the Soviets. EINSTEIN was also friendly with several members of the Soviet Embassy in Berlin.

among the Soviet agents who made contact with EINSTEIN's Office to pick up the coded messages, was one RICHARD GROSSKOFF, who was also in charge of falsifying passports for the Soviet apparate and has subsequently become Chief of Berlin Criminal Police in the Soviet Sector of Berlink

INTERVIEW WITH HELEN DUKAS

On February 23, 1955 SA interviewed HELEN DUKAS at her place of residence, which is also the residence of Dr. ALBERT EINSTEIN, 112 Nercer Street. Princeton, N. J. DUKAS was interviewed concerning her association with EINSTEIN and to ascertain if she had any knowledge of the alleged espionage activities at the Office of EINSTEIN in Berlin, Germany, during the 1929 to 1933 period, She advised that she has been in the employ of Dr. EINSTEIN as his private secretary since 1928. Prior to 1928, EINSTEIN did not have a personal secretary, but

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his office duties were handled by his wife, EISA ERISIEIN, and she was assisted by her oldest daughter, name unknown. EINSTEIN also had some assistance on a purely part time basis by students in Berlin, Germany. DUKAS advised that EINSTE has never had a large office staff, that the only office he maintained in Berlin, Germany, to her knowledge, was in his home, and in a sense this was not an office, but consisted of a combination study and work area. All of his private and social correspondence was handled by his wife, ELSA. DUKAS not only served as a private secretary for such duties as typing and other office work, but also served as the cook, and general housekeeper for the entire family. She advised that EINSTEIN did not have an office at the Prussian Academy of Scientists located at the Kaiser Wilhelm Institute in Berlin, although he did go their approximately once a week for academic purposes. Since she started with EINSTEIN in 1928, he has had no other employees or staff members, and that she has had no other persons assisting her as secretary to EINSTEIN.

. DUKAS was asked if she was acquainted with or had ever heard of any of the following persons:

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GEORGIY DIMITROFF, who, according to T-1, was a Comintern official in Berlin, Germany. She stated that in regard to DIMITROFF, she did not know him and had never met him. However, she believes that he is probably identical with the DIMITROFF who was well known in German circles and who received much publicity as the result of the Reichstag fire in Berlin in the early 1930's.

JACOB ABRAMOV, wa., MIROV - She advised shedid not know this person.

The following persons, according to T-1, served as couriers in contact with EINSTEIN's Office or were engaged in activities of Soviet espionage wherein they would use or have knowledge that EINSTEIN's Office was a cable drop for the Soviet apparate.

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DUKAS advised that none of the above persons known to her. However, many of them had common German names and it is quite possible that she might have had contact with them and not be aware of it. She stated that to her knowledge, none of them ever contacted her at Dr. EINSTEIN'S Office nor did any of them attempt to contact Dr. EINSTEIN.

She stated that she had no personal knowledge of any of them and that she rather doubts that they would have tried to contact Dr. EINSTEIN at his office, inasmuch as he had very few callers, but handled most of his affairs by mail.

She stated that she has never been interested in politics here in the United States or in Germany, except that she was against the rise of Hitler in Germany. She stated that her only interest in life has been EINSTEIN and that she follows all of his wishes. She stated that at no time would she have engaged in any activity without first bringing it to Dr. EINSTEIN's attention. She stated that she never had any knowledge of anyone in Germany, who was interested in Communism, attempting to infiltrate Dr. EINSTEIN's office or the office of any other scientist traveling in Dr. EINSTEIN's circle.

She stated that during the period 1929 to 1933, Dr. EINSTEIN was extremely active in his work in Berlin, and that he enjoyed good health and his social demands were very heavy, that he handled practically all of his correspondence from his home, and was assisted to some extent by his wife and oldest step-daughter. At the present time, Dr. EINSTEIN does nearly all of his work from his home.

As to the Klub Der Geistesarbeiter, she has no knowledge of such an organization. However, it is quite possible that it did exist inasmuch as Dr. EINSTEIN was very active in many professional circles, especially scientific groups in Berlin, Germany. She advised that she probably would have little knowledge concerning such activities, inasmuch as she did not travel in the same circle of friends as did Dr. EINSTEIN. Her circle of friends was nearly all Jewish and she was interested primarily in Jewish affairs.

In regard to Dr. EINSTEIN's family, she stated that he had two sons, by his first wife, one of which,

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HANS ALBERT EINSTEIN, is currently serving as a Professor at the University of California, Berkeley, California. The other son, EDWARD EINSTEIN, born in 1909, is presently confined to a mental institution in Zurich, Switzerland. He has been confined there since the age of twenty-one, and she described him as a hopeless mental case. She further advised that EINSTEIN has two step-daughters, by his second wife, ELSA, one of whom she did not name, the oldest, is deceased. The other, MARGOT, presently makes her home with Dr. EINSTEIN in Princeton, New Jersey.

She further advised that at the present time,
Dr. EINSTEIN is in poor health, having suffered from a
severe attack of the flu during the past winter and
developing a case of anemia. Dr. EINSTEIN has been
confined to his home for several months, until just
recently, when he was allowed by his doctor to go outside
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This report is being classified "secret" inasmuch as the information furnished by G-2 set forth in this report, has been classified by the Department of the Army as "secret".

Copies of this report are being furnished to G-2, ONI, OSI, and INS, inasmuch as they have previously had an interest in this matter.

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It is to be noted that referenced report sets the results of the interview with HELEN DUKAS. During the interview, DUKAS was extremely friendly and appeared quite sincere in her answers. She did not appear to be evasive in any manner, but spoke quite freely and admitted that due to the passage of years, her mind was not too clear as to names, dates and places. She did not elaborate on many of her answers and the interview was conducted in a discrete and circumspect manner as suggested by the Bureau. main premise for the interview was given to DUKAS as an opportunity for her to assist in developing information concerning activities in Berlin, Germany, during the period 1928 to 1933. At no time did she give any hint or indication that she was aware the investigation concerned her in any way, and at the conclusion of the interview. she expressed no antagonism toward the interviewing agents or the Federal Bureau of Investigation. She stated that in the future, in the event she could be of any assis she wished to be most helpful and would welcome an interview with the agents.

On the basis of the information developed during the interview, it is not believed that additional investigation in this matter is warranted.

It is to be noted that DUKAS claimed that she was the only employee of Dr. EINSTEIN since 1928 and that in ______itself tends to discredit the allegations by G-2's source,

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who furnished the information that EINSTEIN's office had a staff of secretaries and typists and that his senior secretary was the one engaged in contacts with Soviet couriers. It is believed that in the event the allegations made by G-2's source are correct, that the chief or senior percentary referred to in most probability was EINSTEIN's wife, ELSA EINSTEIN, now deceased, or his oldest step-daughter, name unknown, also deceased, but who, according to DUKAS, did serve as EINSTEIN's secretary up to about 1926 at which time she married.

It is also noted that the interview has identified EINSTEIN's children and their current whereabouts, discounting any possibility of children being held behind the Iron Curtain as possible hostages of the Soviets.

It is believed that additional investigation is not warranted in view of the long lapse of time since EINSTEIN's office was allegedly used by the Soviets, the lack of corroborating information, and the fact that personnel involved are scattered in many countries and in many cases are deceased. Therefore, both the DUKAS case and the EINSTEIN case are being closed in the Newark Office, and will not be reopened on the basis of this allegation, unless advised to the contrary by the Bureau.

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Rebulet to Newark dated 3/17/55, mentioning a Newark letter dated 3/19/55 which stated that no additional investigation in this case seemed to be warranted.

In view of the announced death of ALBERT EINSTEIN on 4/18/55, this office contemplates no further investigation without the specific request of the Eureau or Newark office:

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Reference is made to the report of SA dated 3/3/55, at Los Angeles, and Bureau letter to Newark dated 3/17/55.

It is to be noted that ALBERT EINSTEIN died at Princeton, New Jersey on April 18, 1955.

A review of instant file in the Newark Office failed to reflect the necessity for any additional investigation in this matter. Therefore, it is not believed that the lead set forth in referenced Los Angeles report need be conducted by the Los Angeles and Oklahoma City Offices. This matter is being closed.

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